



Patricia Jursik *Update*

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COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS:

Economic &
Community Development,
Chair

Finance, Personnel
& Audit

Transportation,
Public Works &
Transit

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Lake Parkway Extension
Advisory Committee,
Chair

Aging & Disability
Resource Center (ADRC)
Governing Board

Milwaukee County
Research Park
Corporation Board

Milwaukee Gateway
Aerotropolis Corporation



*May you and your family enjoy abundance
during Thanksgiving, have a blessed Merry
Christmas, and may all enjoy good cheer
and the love and kinship of family and
friends. May our friends also experience
peace and happiness as they celebrate
Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.
Happy Holidays to you and yours.*



Among the highlights for this budget year:

The 2015 Adopted Budget includes a tax levy of \$282,985,125, which represents a 1.3% increase from the 2014 budget. Included in this amount is \$59,099,341 to operate the County Behavioral Health Division (BHD), an increase of \$1.62 million or 2.8% from the 2014 budget. The BHD tax levy is determined by the Mental Health Board (MHB) and County Executive Abele, as the Board of Supervisors no longer oversees the mental health budget. The portion of the tax levy overseen by your elected supervisor was \$223,885,784.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: The Board approved the creation of a new Emergency Management office, which will oversee both our Emergency Medic Services and also the 911 cell phone center. The county has a new Emergency Manager, Christine Westrich, to oversee this transition. There is real opportunity for consolidation of dispatch services with this new structure.



SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: The Board once again rejected the proposal to outsource the park patrol to local municipal departments and restored the funding for the Targeted Enforcement Unit in the Sheriff's Department. The Board also restored the County Grounds Unit instead of transferring this responsibility to the City of Wauwatosa. This area includes Children's Hospital, Froedtert and the Mental Health Hospital with a special focus on the roads within these grounds. Even the City of Wauwatosa had not been properly consulted on this initiative. This service has been restored to the Sheriff's Department.



CULTURE BUDGETS AND ARTS FUNDING: The Board rejected cuts to our cultural institutions including the Public Museum, Marcus Center, Charles Allis and others. In addition, the board restored the funding to the many CAMPAC groups that receive just a small portion of their budgets from county support. Many of these groups are now just recovering from a very difficult period of fund raising following the recession. The Board believed the timing of these cuts was problematic to say the least.



PARKS: The County Executive eliminated four splash pads (none in Dist. 8) and also the Wehr Nature Center funding with the University of Wisconsin Extension that provided expertise to this nature programming. The Board restored the funding for the splash pads and called for a feasibility study on the long-term needs of the infrastructure supporting these wading pools, which are popular with families with young children. My office received dozens of call supporting Wehr Nature Center, and I am pleased to report that this program was restored by the board. With concern for the many deferred projects facing the Parks Dept., the Board added \$10 million in a bonding initiative to begin addressing many of these deferred projects. The Board decided it was better to do this borrowing now rather than wait with the risk of rising interest rates looming and the continued deterioration of buildings within our Parks for lack of repair. I am extremely pleased to state that the initiative that my office created last year to replace old trail segments has been expanded this year; in addition to the 2014 year \$500,000 for repair of the trail in Sheridan Park this year's budget added \$800,000 for Grant Park to replace some of the oldest trails in the Oak Leaf system.



Estabrook Dam Removal

The County Executive introduced the procedure for the dam removal in this year's budget. Previously the board had added money to repair the dam. This initiative survived in the 2015 budget by way of the veto process. While a majority of supervisors supported the original initiative to repair rather than remove the dam, the County Executive vetoed this action, and dam removal was upheld on failure to override this veto. My vote supported the county executive's position of removal. Many

environmental groups, including the Riverkeepers strongly argued that removal was better for the environmental health of the Milwaukee River. I accepted this reasoning and also supported removal of this dam.



TRANSIT: After a yearlong battle to retain the manager, Milwaukee County Transit System, for our bus system and the board eventually leading the initiative to bring the management team into county government, the board took steps to further strengthen our system. Two route extensions were added: one in Brown Deer and one in Oak Creek. I was asked several years earlier by then Mayor Bolender to add transit to the new Towne Center on Howell and Drexel. It took several years, but this new route will be in place in spring. Please watch for details on scheduling this roll out. This extension will serve the MATC campus in Oak Creek as well. The Board also added fare-free transit for our elderly and disabled citizens. We will need to watch this roll out to determine if it needs some adjustment, but it is an exciting addition for many seniors who rely on bus service and are very often on fixed income such as Social Security.



PRIVATIZATION: There were several initiatives to privatize services at the Zoo and our Airport. The county executive called for a Request for Proposals (RFP) to change food and concession services at the zoo, and housekeeping, security and others at our airport. The Board removed these initiatives from the budget and instead called for further study. At the airport in particular, I criticized the proposal at a time when our airport is looking for new leadership since Barry Bateman retired. It is hardly a time to initiate privatization when there is no strong leadership at the airport. I would be willing to look at these proposals once we understand the direction a new leader will take our International Airport, which operates without any local tax levy support.



FACILITIES: Vacating City Campus located near 27th and Wisconsin becomes a reality in 2015. A figure of \$3.8 million was included in the budget for demolition although local groups are also exploring initiatives to potentially preserve the historical portion of the building. In the event the O'Donnell Parking Garage is sold, the

addition of \$5 million for Parks deferred maintenance will be realized. The county shall continue the effort to downsize our county holdings and will be looking more closely at the Courthouse Complex, which includes the Safety Building next year. I was pleased to lead this effort as Chair of Strategic Planning, which initiated these actions.

If anyone has other questions regarding the county \$1.3 billion dollar budget, please give me a call or send an e-mail and I will be happy to discuss the many other aspects of this 2015 budget or obtain additional information as needed.



CUDAHY GUN CLUB UPDATE

A firestorm was created in our community when Parks Director John Dargle sent a letter to the Gun Club cancelling their lease effective 12/31/2014. While some discussions between the club and the Parks Dept. had been taking place, the termination letter caught all parties off-guard and set an almost unobtainable date for removal of gun club property. Let me be clear: as your elected representative, I too was caught off-guard and unaware of the termination letter. In order to provide more time for review of this decision, I created an amendment to the 2015 budget that gives the Cudahy Gun Club an extension of one year to their lease. This Amendment passed with unanimous vote. I have also requested that the Chairman of Parks Committee, Supervisor Gerry Broderick, place this item on the Parks Committee agenda to give both the gun club and interested groups time to review this lease termination in a fact-finding forum.

This unilateral action by the executive branch illustrated the new powers Act 14 gave the executive branch, which can now act unilaterally with regard to contracts and real estate matters. A county supervisor is the elected representative for each district in representing the interests of that district in county matters. While many supported the Act 14 initiative resulting in less representation, it amazed me that many constituents who vocally supported reducing supervisory actions were the first to criticize when services they wanted were unilaterally terminated by the executive branch. I will continue to work on this issue as the elected representative, but it does require communication based on fact. The talk show hosts that tried to make this a second amendment issue plainly do not know what they are talking about and the extreme action by one commentator encouraging disgruntled citizens to place garbage picked up along the shore line on my front lawn violates the use of public air waves. Why not turn these programs off and get good information by calling your elected representative? My phone number and e-mail address are always provided in these newsletters.



Notice

AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Airport Noise Advisory Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 9:00 AM, in the Sijan conference room, located inside the Mitchell Gallery of Flight Museum, at General Mitchell International Airport.

If you have any questions, contact Marina Borges at mborges@mitchellairport.com

Or by calling 414-747-3724



2014 Milwaukee Enrollment Directory

The release of the [2014 Milwaukee Enrollment Directory](#), published by the Milwaukee Health Care Partnership, in collaboration with the Milwaukee Enrollment Network, is now available. With Open Enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace having begun on November 15, and Medicaid enrollment ongoing, this is a valuable resource.

The Directory is an inventory of locations in Milwaukee County where people can go to get in-person assistance with health insurance. This edition has been updated to include information on enrollment Navigators, Certified Application Counselors and public benefit assisters, and serves as a valuable resource for IMPACT 2-1-1, human service agencies, community health workers and other stakeholders who help secure public health benefits, or coverage through the Marketplace for Milwaukee County residents.

Updated semi-annually, this directory is made possible through the support of the Milwaukee Health Care Partnership, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the United Way of Greater Milwaukee.

Many thanks to the Milwaukee Enrollment Network members, IMPACT 2-1-1, our funders and numerous community partners who are committed to helping secure health insurance coverage for all Milwaukee County residents.



St. Francis Civic Center Gala Scheduled for December 4th, 4:30 PM
(Ticketed event, \$40.00 a ticket, tables of 8 available, \$300.00- reserve now)

Corporate/Organizational Sponsorships available.

Mayor CoryAnn at Mayor@stfranwi.org for info or to reserve.

Gala Description: a Celebration Event raising funds for the continuous enhancement of the décor and of the Public Areas of the Civic Center and surrounding grounds including the Nojoshing Trail, which is located directly behind the Civic Center.

Event features:

- *Unveiling of Holiday Decorations in the Civic Center*
- *Hors d' oeuvres stations and refreshments showcasing local businesses*
 - *Entertainment with special guests and program*
 - *Attendees receive commemorative keepsakes*

Event Hosts: Mayor and City of St. Francis Common Council
Co-Hosts: City of St. Francis Employees & Staff

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Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party of the three combined Friends Groups in Cudahy: The Cudahy Family Foundation and Friends Group, The Cudahy Historical Society and the Sheridan Park Friends will celebrate their Annual Christmas Party this year on Dec. 8 at Pulaski Inn. Refreshments at 5 and Dinner starting at 6 p.m.; Tickets are available at a cost of \$25.00; please contact Sylvia Gear or any of the friends groups for tickets.

Nuns on the Bus encourage voter turnout. Sr. Niva was my second grade teacher, and she is still teaching me a few things. We need to care about voting lest we lose our government of and by the people. Your vote is one thing no one can buy.





Congrats!

**WPRA OUTSTANDING YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR-
Matthew Collins, UC for the Grant Park Unit.**

Matthew has worked to develop a pilot program that offers under-privileged youth an opportunity to experience career options within the Milwaukee County Parks system. This partnership is with the Milwaukee Job Corps, a federally funded campus offered to financially underprivileged youth seeking to obtain experience with a skilled trade after graduating high school. This program has not only provided opportunity and experience for the participants it has provided Milwaukee County with park services in a non-costly manner. Matthew has had published articles in the Impact Magazine, frequently attends SEWPRC meetings, is a member of the Cudahy Healthiest Coalition and last year had the opportunity to attend the NRPRA Congress in Houston. He is a recipient of past Silver Star Award for the Summer Youth Employment Program in 2008 and received the 2009 Kudos Award for marketing excellence from NPRA.

Thank You! **Matt Collins**: We are sending you this special Thank You for all your help in making our first Halloween event a total success. You and your staff (Sean Kelly and Jim Rejman) did an outstanding job in tending to our needs. The Friends of the Mill Pond and Lions enjoyed working with you and appreciate the opportunity to share this event. ~Jan Cook- Co- Chair for Family Halloween at the Pond, Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc.



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Main Office: (414) 771-3040

Marketing Department: (414) 256-5466

Fax: (414) 256-5410

Dec 6

Family Free Day

Sponsored by North Shore Bank

Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21

Breakfast and Lunch with Santa

Sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles

Enjoy a special meal with Santa, musical fun and a special holiday gift.

Holiday gift giving idea they'll surely enjoy!

Give a Zoo Pass as a gift this holiday season.

The Zoo Pass holiday package includes: a gift acknowledgment, information on membership benefits, FOUR coupons (two for Zoo attractions and two for the Zoo's summer 2015 dinosaur exhibit) AND a plush-toy animal (new gifts only and while supplies last).



We will begin mailing holiday gifts after the Thanksgiving holiday, unless otherwise requested. To guarantee holiday delivery via the mail, we need to receive your order by Dec. 15, 2014.

Support the Zoo and its animals when you purchase a Zoo Pass. A "Family" level Zoo Pass pays for itself just after two visits to the Zoo.

Anyone can become a Zoo Pass member and get these great benefits:

- Free admission to the Milwaukee County Zoo for a full year*
- Free or discounted admission to 150+ zoos and aquariums nation-wide.
- Discounts on Zoological Society education classes and camps

- Members-only discounts on fundraising events
- Wild Things newsletter – six times per year
- Members-only events
- Alive magazine
- Members-only discounts in the Zoo's gift shops
- Exclusive members-only discounts on the Oceans of Fun, Inc. interactive programs; Sea Lion Splash and Aquatic Adventures
- Members-only field trips to other zoos, aquariums and places of interest



*Enjoy free parking for one vehicle per day, when you upgrade to a Zoo Pass Plus



Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes)

524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53215
(414) 257-5611

FREE on Mondays*

9:00 AM-noon

For all Milwaukee County Residents with proof of residency, excludes major holidays and celebrations of major holidays.

Winter Farmer's Market -

Saturdays Nov 1 - Apr 11
(Excluding Nov 29 & Dec 27)



The Winter Farmers' Market will be held again this year at the Mitchell Park Domes, on Saturday mornings from November 1 through April 11 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

There will be NO MARKET on the Saturdays after the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

Shop local and select from a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy, bakery, poultry and meats all winter long.



Milwaukee Public Museum

800 W. Wells St
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-2728

Milwaukee County residents receive free general admission to the Milwaukee Public Museum on the first Thursday of every month through our Thank You Thursday program. Milwaukee County owns the Museum facility and collections, and as a “thank you” to the County and its residents, we offer this opportunity for residents to visit us the first Thursday of every month without charge.

We also offer extended evening hours until 8:00 p.m. on every Thursday, so be sure to take advantage of our evening hours after work, school, or whatever your day may bring!

Adult residents must present valid photo identification showing Milwaukee County residency to receive free admission, and children must be accompanied by an adult showing proof of residency to receive free admission.

Residents of Milwaukee County will receive a \$2.00 discount on general admission every day in addition to free admission on Thank You Thursday. Mondays will become regular admission days at MPM, with Milwaukee County residents receiving the \$2.00 discount.

Holiday Happenings



European Holiday Village Comes Alive

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, December 5 and 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, December 6

Stroll the decorated European Village and step back in time to a turn-of-the-century holiday. See the traditional décor of European families during a walk through the decorated European village. The whale skeleton over the grand staircase will also be lit up with holiday lights. Free with admission.

Museum Storytelling - The Night Before Christmas for Fish and Their Friends

10:30 and 11:30 a.m.; 1:30 and 2 p.m. Saturday, December 20

Hear a salty rendition of "The Night Before Christmas" told beneath the lighted whale suspended above the Museum's Grand Staircase. Free with museum admission.





Kelly Senior Center

6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy WI 532110, 414-481-9611



All Write!

Tuesday, December 9, 10:00

Pre-registration Required

Do you like to write? All levels invited and encouraged to come for an hour of fun, easy lessons, writing prompts and idea sharing.



Free Gift Wrapping

Friday, December 19, 12:00-2:00

Bring all those holiday presents for some expert wrapping, free of charge. A local family has once again offered to come to the center to wrap gifts. They bring the paper, bows ribbons and Christmas Cookies. You just bring the gifts!



Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 23, 11:30

Suggested Contribution **only \$2.50** (Age 60+), \$6 (Age 50-59). Celebrate the sights and sounds of the season. Enjoy holiday music and enjoy a meal of baked ham, cranberries, baked potato casserole, green beans almondine, rye bread and peppermint cheese cake.



Grobschmidt Senior Center

2424 15th Av., South Milwaukee, WI 53172, 768-8045



Christmas Party

Join us for a day of fun, dancing, delicious food and wonderful memories! This year's annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 11:30a.m. - 3:30p.m. Lunch will be catered by Pulaski Inn of Cudahy and we will be dancing to the music of the Bryan O'Donnell Band. Tickets for this annual event are \$18 and are available to purchase tickets through Tuesday, December 2nd.

Lunch, which will be catered by Pulaski Inn of Cudahy, will consist of the following items: Breaded pork chops; Polish sausage; roast turkey; mashed potatoes and gravy; Caribbean blend vegetables; pasta salad; deviled eggs; assorted rolls; chocolate éclairs for dessert and decaf coffee. The following appetizers will be available prior to lunch: Ham roll ups with cream cheese and Swedish-style meatballs.



Annual Holiday Bazaar

Wow, did we have a fantastic bazaar this year! The senior center made a profit of \$2,543.00. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped to make it so successful. It's time to start planning for 2015.

Social Worker from the Department on Aging

Mary Ann will once again be at the senior center on Monday, December 15th from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The goal of this Outreach Program is to provide information and assistance pertaining to resources available to seniors. Examples include, but are not limited to, such issues as transportation, financial concerns, in-home services, and housing needs. There are no fees for this service.



Snow Season in Wisconsin

Well it's finally happened; winter is upon us. If or when we get bombarded with a snowstorm, or a polar vortex, the senior center and nutrition site will be closed if you hear either of the following announcements:

****Milwaukee Public Schools are closed.**

****South Milwaukee Schools are closed.**



Listen to 620 WTMJ

Or Watch

Channel 12-WISN.



Stockbox Program

Tuesday, December 9th, 2014
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The senior center is a distribution site for the Stock Box Program. The food distribution this month will take place on Tuesday, December 9th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The stock boxes will be given out in the back parking lot with paperwork being filled out in the large hall area. The Stock Box Program is run by the Hunger Task Force, and does have some eligibility guidelines. Participants need to live in Milwaukee County, be at least 60 years of age, and have an income that is less than, or equal to the following: Eligibility has increased slightly from previous months.

Household Size	60 years of age
1	\$1,265
2	\$1,705
3	\$2,144

For more information about this program, please talk with Sandy, read the brochures available at the senior center, or call 211. This institution is an “equal opportunity provider.”



Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park

Thursday, December 11, 2014, 6:30 PM

Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Avenue, South Milwaukee.

Park Watch: 764-7262

Friends of Grant Park: 764-0612, www.fogp.org

Live Owl and Raptor presentation by Schlitz Audubon Society at the Grant Park Golf Course Clubhouse. It features birds likely to be seen in our local parks, with discussion about their lives and habitat. Requested donation of \$5+ for adults, and students free. Visit www.fogp.org for more information.



Friends of Mill Pond meeting & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc.

Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 6:30 PM

Marquette Manor, 2409 10th Ave., South Milwaukee
571-1191, www.smfomp.org

December 6th, 2014 - Friends of the Mill Pond & South Milwaukee Historical Society are having a **JOINT BAKE SALE** at **1:00pm till 3:00pm** at the Beautiful Historic Grant Golf Clubhouse, which is decorated for Christmas. Come and check this place out and get some wonderful goodies too!!

December 6th, 2014 - Indoor Market - South Milwaukee High School - 10:00am till 3:00pm - Come and purchase your Christmas gifts such as Mill Pond Mugs, stationery, note cards, pictures, pine cone suet, fire starters, t-shirts and dried flowers.

Monthly meeting **Tuesday December 8th, 2014** - Marquette Manor 2409 10th Avenue - South Milwaukee, WI - **6:30pm** - Everyone is welcome!



Cudahy Neighborhood Watch

Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 6:00 PM

Cudahy Family Library
3500 Library Dr., Cudahy
324-5531



Aurora Saint Luke's South Shore
5900 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy, WI

Making a difference in your community!

Come join our volunteer team at Aurora St. Luke's South Shore and bring a smile to someone's day!

Volunteers needed to provide comfort and assistance to our patients and visitors.

Some of the volunteer opportunities we have are:

- AMBASSADORS (GREETERS)
- PATIENT COMPANIONS
- EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT LIASIONS
- VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR CARE CART

Please contact Michelle at michelle.tisljar@aurora.org or 262-329-4615 for an application.



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Thursday December 18, 2014, 9:30 AM

901 N. 9th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53233

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